



CHAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting on Tuesday 22nd February 2022

7pm The Learning Centre J A House

1	Present/Apologies
1.1	Present: Jason Simper (Chair), Phillip Pascoe, Mandi Sowik (Clerk), Paul Schofield, Malcolm Williamson and Jayne Whittock
1.2	Apologies: Jenny Perring
2.	Public Attendance
	Trish & Toby Fowlston (The Oast House), Ilena Allsopp (Clement Court) and Ian Robertson (Chawton Park Farm)
3.	Minutes of last Meeting
	Previously approved and signed as a true and correct record by the Chair
4.	Updates –
	<p>Cllr Jonathan May - Welcome to this month's report, another busy month for the 3 of us. It's been good to see that we were not too affected by flooding in the last bout of storms which some of our roads can suffer badly with and many of our mature trees survived the beating too.</p> <p>So, this year's District Councillor grants have now come to an end. Diana, Ingrid, and I have spent all the allocation totalling over £16,000 and we have managed to support some very worthwhile community benefits. This includes new signs at Swelling Hill Pond to help educate local children on wildlife and welcome to Four Marks signs around the access roads to the village. Support with Jubilee celebrations in June within the ward. Plentiful tree planting around the ward within Medstead, Four Marks & Chawton and encouraging the parishes to plant more trees and concentrate on environmental projects around the ward. Support with the Community food cupboard. Joint ventures for the children at Four Marks school.</p> <p>The new crossing at Lymington Bottom is working well and proving a safe crossing for school children and residents too.</p> <p>It will shortly be time for our next round of District Councillor grants for 2022/23 so if you have a community project that you would like support with, please reach out to Diana, Ingrid, or myself for assistance. It's good to start to see how life is getting back to normal post covid and the communities can start to flourish in coming back together. Take care and stay safe.</p> <p>Cllr Jason Simper (Chairman) - AIMS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide effective, efficient, and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development. • To be a strong voice for residents and local businesses, working to improve the overall village area both built and natural, while preserving the uniqueness of our heritage. <p>OBJECTIVES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>#PlanningandDevelopment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the village heritage and ensure that only appropriate planning commensurate to our location and history are carried out • Maintain our unique identify and ensure the 'Chawton Gap' is maintained from Alton <p>#SpeedandSafety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit reduced from 30Mph to 20Mph throughout the village

- Speed reduction/traffic calming measures at key points through the village (Winchester Road, by the Village Hall, Wolf's Lane)
- Lineage – review proposals made by the traffic team
- Parking generally – locations, spaces, residents parking
- Ensure all improvements are carried out to a high quality

#AmenitiesandEnjoyment

- The park and it's recreational facilities (swings, fitness equipment) ...
- Lecterns and signage
- Finger signs/gates for footpaths
- Walks and access to trails into parkland and Chawton House
- Cycle paths
- Enhance access to the countryside inside and outside the National Park for those whose limited mobility
- Littering and soiling (dog poo and dog poo bags!)
- Village events

#EnvironmentandNature

- Tree Planting and hedging
- Encouraging and maintaining wildlife (nest boxes, feeding stations), designated safe areas

#FinanceandExpenditure

- To manage the parish precept

Investment in New Speed Camera Technology to Tackle Persistent Noise and Speeding on Problem Roads – Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire & Isle of Wight

I have agreed an investment of £677,000 to install average speed cameras along the A32 and A272 within the Meon Valley, two of the most problematic roads for excessive vehicle noise and speed in Hampshire.

Since being elected I have received consistent complaints from residents about the excessive motorbike noise and speeding, which is having a detrimental impact on their lives. I have listened to those concerns and taken action. The funding of these new cameras is a big step forward in delivering on my commitment to represent local people and make our roads safer.

This investment is a result of significant analysis and work by Hampshire Constabulary and follows close working with local MPs, councillors and parish councillors who have all expressed their concerns on behalf of residents and communities. The new camera technology will enable Hampshire Constabulary to make best use of the most up to date equipment available, keep roads safer, bring the most prolific offenders to justice, and provide reassurance for the public that these types of offences will be tackled and taken seriously.

Esso Pipeline replacement work has started, updates can be found at www.slproject.co.uk

Alton Climate Network and Cycle Alton are running a Zoom Meeting on **Sustainable Local Transport**, Monday 14th March @7:30pm - email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the Zoom link

Farnborough Noise Group (FNG) is asking Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee to re assess the amount of overflying of National Parks and surrounding areas given the population increase and the change in the flying behaviours - Colin Shearn, FNG

5. Planning and Development*

Response to the proposed Alton Infrastructure Delivery Plan – The Clerk will check that a response is required from Chawton as the village lies mainly in the SDNP and therefore the plan may not apply.

The Oast House, Chawton - **SDNP/21/06342/HOUS** Extensions and alterations to the existing ancillary building – the PC commented that the ‘dark skies initiative’ should be incorporated in the plan and supported the original comment made by the planners that the building should remain as Ancillary.

*-The Parish Council can make observations regarding the Parish as a whole and comment on applications made but there is no guarantee that these comments will impact the ultimate decision.

6. General Activity

6.1 **Co-option of Casual Vacancy** - Ilona Allsopp was proposed by Cllr Simper and seconded by Cllr Schofield.

6.2 **Speed Indicator Devices** – As the device is still operational, data will be provided after its removal and the Clerk will contact Tracey Webb for an update.

6.3 **Grant for Pre-School** – The Pre-School have requested a grant to sustain the group after having no government support for the last 2 years. The Clerk will discuss with Karen Mabbott where additional funding maybe sourced.

6.4 **Lectern Update** – the lecterns are with the design studio and expect to be finished in approximately 12 weeks.

6.5 **Grant for School** – a grant has been requested from the school for resurfacing the rear playground, the Council asked when the playground was last repaired and the maintenance programme since, what guarantees had been given when it was last repaired, also had the Diocese been approached for funding. Who else would be funding this project and what amounts?

7. Financial Review

Salary and overtime for the Clerk, Magazine delivery J Fryer, Itchen Trees Surgeons & New trees with planting.

8. AOB.

- Cllr Williamson asked, should the Council comment on the 112 houses proposed at the rear of the Doctors, Medstead. The Council would investigate the proposal and decide via email on a decision to comment.
- Cllr Whittock said she had been asked if the hedging running along Wolfs Lane would be cut back. The Council stated that this can be requested by any individual on the HCC/Highways website.
<https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/othertree.aspx>
- Jubilee celebrations would be discussed at the next meeting – the general theme appears to be a Big Jubilee Lunch, obviously weather dependant.

Meeting closed at 20:20 Next meeting Tuesday 22nd March 2022 TBC
For further information contact the Clerk on 01420 83440 or 07739 394743

Signed by the Chairman

Dated



APPENDIX 2 - The following payments were approved at the January Parish meeting.

Payments to be authorised at the meeting held on 18th January 2022

April Payments to Authorised					
No	For	Invoice No	Item/purpose	Amount	Method of Payment
1	Mandi Sowik		Salary February Overtime January 15.5 hours	£300.00 £232.50	BACS 1
2	Callum Hughes		Tree Felling & planting	£4600.00	BACS 2
3	Jessica Fryer		Magazine delivery Shrave	£5.00	BACS 3
4	Mill Farm Trees		Trees	£1400.00	BACS 4
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				Total:	£6537.50

Notes:

Philip Pascoe – PP Paul Schofield - PS
Jason Simper – JS Jayne Whittock - JW
Jenny Perring – JP Ilena Allsopp - IA
Malcolm Williamson – MW
Mandi Sowik – MS